



**Fire Information
Chattahoochee National Forest
November 16, 2001 (4:00 PM)**



UPDATE: New wildfire being fought on Pickelsimer Mountain located about 10 miles west of Morganton, Georgia. Campfire ban put in place for national forests in Georgia. Highway 60 is open between Dahlonega and Suches. Motorists are asked to be cautious while driving this stretch of highway and to watch for rolling debris. The Georgia Forestry Commission is not issuing permits for outdoor burning.

Dry conditions in the forest combined with current weather conditions have created a situation of high fire danger in North Georgia. The U.S. Forest Service issued a campfire ban on Wednesday for all areas on the Chattahoochee and Oconee National Forests. Campfires will be allowed only in developed campgrounds within designated receptacles or fire rings. Since November 1st, 35 fires have burned 1,288 acres on the National Forests in Georgia.

There is currently one active wildfire burning on the Chattahoochee National Forest. Following is an update on several recent fires along with the Picklesimer Mountain fire:

The Glass Mine Fire:

LOCATION: Eight miles north of Dahlonega along Highway 60

SIZE: 915 acres

CONTAINMENT: 100%, crews working on rehabilitation of area today.

INJURIES: 0

The Cooper Fire:

LOCATION: 11 miles northwest of Dahlonega

SIZE: Approximately 100 acres.

CONTAINMENT: 100%

The Pickelsimer Fire:

New fire reported this morning. Three crews working on fire. Estimated at 150+ acres. Several structures threatened. Five air retardant drops. Four helicopters working on fire. Cooperators: Georgia Forestry Commission, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Fannin Volunteer Fire Dept. The fire is located about 10 miles west of Morganton, south of Highway 76. Air space restrictions are in effect over the fire.

For current information about the fire situation, visit the Forest Service website at www.fs.fed.us/conf/ or call the U.S. Forest Service Fire Information at (706) 864-6173 between 8:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.